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SUBJECT: SADAT'S PRESS CONFERENCE IN RABAT

SUMMARY. IN RABAT PRESS CONFERENCE FOR EGYPTIAN JOURNALISTS, SADAT STRESSED THAT ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL MUST OCCUR "ON ALL FRONTS", NOT JUST EGYPTIAN FRONT. HE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT "PALESTINIAN ENTITY" HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED, WHICH HE SAID IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN (TIMING OF) GENEVA CONFERENCE. END SUMMARY.

PRESIDENT SADAT'S REMARKS TO EGYPTIAN JOURNALISTS IN RABAT OCT 30 CONSTITUTE LEAD STORY IN ALL CAIRO PAPERS OCT 31. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS:

A. GOE AND PALESTINE. "EGYPT'S THEORY" IS THAT THERE MUST BE A UNIFIED STAND BETWEEN JORDAN AND "THE PALESTINIAN ENTITY" IN FUTURE. THIS THEORY WAS "DECLARED" IN ALEXANDRIA LAST SUMMER. COMMENTING ON KING HASSAN'S STATEMENT THAT ARAFAT WILL MEET KING HUSAIN, PRESIDENT SADAT SAID "THAT IS WONDERFUL". IN DIFFERENT CONTEXT SADAT EMPHASIZED GOE HAS QUIETLY PURSUED EFFORT TO RECONCILE GOJ AND PALESTINIANS. ARAFAT, HE SAID, KNEW OUR POLICY WAS TO SEP UP PALESTINIAN ENTITY AND ESTABLISH PALESTINIAN NATIONAL RULE ON ANY LIBERATED TERRITORY. ANNOUNCING A "SECRET", SADAT SAID ONLY ASAD KNEW EXACT DATE OCTOBER WAR WAS TO START, BUT ARAFAT WAS GIVEN GENERAL INFO IN ADVANCE. WHEN BEIRUT DAILY AL-NAHAR REPORTED THAT SADAT HAD INFORMED "RESIDTANCE" THAT WAS WAS IMMINENT, THIS REPORT "ANGERED" SADAT BECAUSE IT WAS PUBLISHED JUST BEFORE BATTLE. (COMMENT: THIS CAN ONLY BE INTERPRETED AS A CRITICISM OF ARAFAT.)

B. PALESTINE "ENTITY". "A NEW STATE CALLED PALESTINE HAS COME INTO BEING." THERE ARE NOW FIVE CONFRONTATION COUNTRIES: EGYPT, SYRIA, JORDAN, LEBANON AND PALESTINE.

C. GENEVA. "THE PALESTINE ENTITY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED; THUS, GENEVA OR NO GENEVA DOES NOT WORRY US MUCH. THERE IS A UNIFIED ARAB STAND." NEW SUMMIT DECISIONS DO NOT AFFECT GOE'S FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT, HE ADDED, SINCE ANY STRENGTHENING OF ARAB POSITION MERELY CONFIRMS THAT FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT.

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D. WITHDRAWAL IN SINAI. COMMENTING ON AN UNSPECIFIED US PRESS REPORT REGARDING NEW PHASE OF ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL ON EGYPTIAN FRONT, SADAT SAID SUCH A PROJECT HAD BEEN PRESENTED TO EGYPT, BUT THAT HE HAD TOLD SECRETARY KISSINGER IN EGYPT AFTER SYRIAN DISENGAGEMENT THAT HE WISHED PRESIDENT NIXON TO BE INFORMED THAT THERE MUST BE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL ON ALL ARAB FRONTS, IN ORDER TO KEEP THE ISSUE IN MOTION. PRESIDENT NIXON AGREED. WHEN THE SECRETARY VISITED CAIRO "WE DISCUSSED A NEW MOVE ON ALL

ARAB FRONTS, NOT ONLY ON EGYPTIAN FRONT, BECAUSE ISRAEL WANTS TO PROVOKE INTER-ARAB TROUBLE BY CREATING SENSITIVE SITUATIONS." ASKED AGAIN IF FURTHER WITHDRAWAL COULD BE MADE ON EGYPTIAN FRONT ALONE, SADAT REPLIED: "WITHDRAWAL MUST TAKE PLACE ON ALL FRONTS." ANSWERING A QUESTION, HE ADDED THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER WILL VISIT CAIRO IN EARLY NOVEMBER.

E. USG REACTION TO RABAT DECISION ON PALESTINE. SADAT SAID PRESIDENT FORD'S STATEMENT SHOWED US REACTION WAS "GOOD".

F. OIL. SADAT DENIED SUMMIT HAD DISCUSSED OIL ISSUE.

G. GOE/USSR. ASKED ABOUT GOE RELATIONS WITH USSR FOLLOWING FAHMY'S MOSCOW VISIT, SADAT SAID BILATERAL RELATIONS ARE "GOOD", AND WE HOPE "FURTHER THINGS WILL MATERIALIZE" DURING BREZHNEV VISIT TO CAIRO.

H. GOE/SARG RELATIONS. REPLYING TO QUESTION, SADAT SAID BILATERAL RELATIONS ARE "EXCELLENT".
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